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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y TEXT PARA 2A.

FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HITCHCOCK
DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS TODAY

VIENNA FOR BUCHAREST PAO NORRIS GARNETT C/O RPO AL ROLAND

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: BULANDRA THEATRE

REF: A. STATE 045256, B. BUCHAREST 1329

1. AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE EFFORTS YOU'RE MAKING
TO HELP RESCUE THE BULANDRA PROJECT, BUT DON'T KNOW
WHETHER TO LAUGH OR CRY AFTER READING THE FIRST TWO
PARAGRAPHS OF YOUR TELEGRAM SHOWING THAT THE PRACTICAL
ASPECTS ARE FALLING INTO PLACE EVEN BETTER THAN I HAD
HOPED BUT THEN RISK LOSING THE WHOLE THING BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS
WITH POLICY PRECEDENT AND LEGALITY. I CAN'T COMMENT ON
THE LEGAL QUESTIONS NOT KNOWING WHAT THEY ARE AND CAN
ONLY HOPE THEY ARE INDEED DIFFICULT, NOT IMPOSSIBLE, ONES.
SO FAR AS POLICY AND PRECEDENT IS CONCERNED, IN ALL
SERIOUSNESS I TRUST THAT ONCE IN A HUNDRED YEARS (THIS
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BEING THE ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL) IS NOT TOO OFTEN TO ASK
FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS. DOES THE AMOUNT OF MONEY MAKE
ANY DIFFERENCE AS TO ANY OF POLICY OR PRECEDENT ASPECTS?

2. ON THE MONEY SCORE FROM PRIVATE SOURCES, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING

IDEAS:

A. MILTON ROSENTHALN PRESIDENT OF ENGELHARD MINERALS AND CHEMICALS CORP, 299 PARK AVENUE, NY, HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER (914) 967-1393. WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE US SIDE OF THE JOINT US-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL HAS NOT YET UNDERTAKEN, SO FAR AS I KNOW, ANY SPECIFIC PROJECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTENNIAL. I SUGGEST SOMEONE AT A HIGH LEVEL LIKE YOU (OR ART DOWNEY, DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY IN COMMENCE FOR EAST-WEST TRADE - WHO WOULD HELP AS A FAVOR TO ME) GET THROUGH TO ROSENTHAL AND PASS ON A STRONG PERSONAL APPEAL FROM ME KNOWING HIS INTEREST IN THE ARTS (HE HAS AN EXCELLENT COLLECTION OF AFRICAN SCULPTURE) THAT THE US SECTION OF THE COUNCIL AS A CENTENNIAL PROJECT RAISE SOME MONEY TO SUPPORT THE BULANDRA THEATRE. ASIDE FROM CITING MY BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE GESTURE, YOU COULD DRAW ON THE REASONS I GIVE IN MY EARLIER TELEGRAM (REF B, PARA 3).

B. ALAN SCHNEIDER'S (DIRECTOR, DRAMA DIV, THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL, LINCOLN CENTER, NY) WIFE SUGGESTED TO ME OVER THE WEEKEND THAT RUTH MELLES (SPELLING?) OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

C. USIA HAS DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN THE PAST ON USE OF ITS GOE FUNDS. I'VE JUST SPOKEN WITH PAO GARNETT WHO IS IN VIENNA AND WHO WILL BE CALLING JOCK SHIRLEY OR PHIL ARNOLD IN IEU TO ASK THEIR PERMISSION FOR GRANT TO BE GIVEN OUT OF GOE FUNDS OF ABOUT \$6000 WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBSEQUENT AGENCY REIMBURSEMENT.

D. IN MY CONVERSATION WITH DAVID YOUNG THE OTHER DAY HE OFFERED TO PROVIDE IDEAS BASED ON HIS EARLIER ATTEMPTS WITH BULANDRA TO ANYONE WHO WAS ORGANIZING TOUR. PERHAPS HE MIGHT HAVE SOME IDEAS WHERE FUNDS COULD BE RAISED.

3. IN THE CONTEXT OF TALKING ABOUT NADIA COMANICI AND ASKING FOR HIS SUPPORT IN GETTING HER TO THE STATES, I TOLD DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA THIS MORNING OF SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE ARE ENCOUNTERING WITH BULANDRA BUT ALSO OF MY STRONG HOPES WE COULD SUCCEED IN WORKING OUT A SUBSTITUTE PROGRAM.

4. HOPEFULLY WITH WHAT YOU ALL PLUS

COIGNEY AND STEWART ARE GOING, ALONG WITH USING SOME OF
THE IDEAS I HAVE MENTIONED ABOVE, FINANCING PACKAGE CAN
BE PUT TOGETHER THAT WILL DO THE TRICK.

5. GOOD LUCK IN RESOLVING THE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS
AND THANKS.
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